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REF: PORT AU PRINCE (IN 043873)*

1. FOLLOWING MAY BE PASSED AMB IN RESPONSE REF:

ISADORE IRVING DAVIDSON DPOB 19 JAN 21 PITTSBURGH PENNA REGISTERED DEC 63 AS AGENT FOR DUVALIER GOVERNMENT. HAS ALSO AT VARIOUS TIMES REPRESENTED NICARAGUA, ECUADOR, ISRAEL AND INDONESIA AND REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT BALAGUER OF DOMREP. SUBJECT MEMBER OF NATIONAL PRESS CLUB AND WELL-KNOWN IN WASHINGTON CIRCLES, WAS FRIEND OF LATE DREW PEARSON. HE HAS OFTEN REPORTED HIS ACTIVITIES TO USG OFFICIALS AND AS RESULT HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE REPORTING BY STATE DEPARTMENT AND FBI. NO RECENT INFO AVAILABLE HQS RE PRESENT STATUS HIS VARIOUS AFFILIATIONS. AMB MAY HOWEVER BE INTERESTED IN ACTIVE ROLE TAKEN BY SUBJECT IN ATTEMPTING TO MEDIATE BETWEEN AMBASSADOR TIMMONS AND DUVALIER IN LATE 1963 AND EARLY 1964. HQS INFO CONSISTS CHIEFLY OF FRAGMENTARY AND INCOMPLETE REFERENCES TO STATE AND FBI REPORTING. SINCE MUCH OF INFO ALSO APPEARS BE

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SENSITIVE, SUGGEST AMB WOULD BE BETTER ADVISED TO INQUIRE
THROUGH OWN CHANNELS IF FURTHER INFO DESIRED.

2. FYI ONLY: PORT AU PRINCE 2298 DTD 12 DEC 63 REPORTED
EMBOFF SPECULATION THAT SUBJECT FOR OWN BENEFIT MAY HAVE
IDENTIFIED COS TO DUVALIER, BUT NO PROOF OF THIS. FILE
INDICATES SUBJECT IS FAST BUCK ARTIST AND POSSIBLE
SECURITY RISK WHO HAS SOME USG CONTACTS WHICH HE NEVERTHELESS
EXAGGERATES WHEN IT SERVES HIS PURPOSES. WHILE WE WANT
TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO AMB AND TO YOU, PREFER NOT
TO BECOME MIDDLEMAN FOR AMB'S INQUIRIES RE US CITIZENS
WHICH ROUTINELY SHOULD BE DIRECTED THROUGH OWN CHANNELS.
NOTE FR-51-1 AS REGARDS DEROGATORY INFO.

3. FILE: 201-41581.

END OF MESSAGE

WH COMMENT: *Transmitted Ambassador's request for traces
and background info on Subject.

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